

Parks and Recreation/Public Tree Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2024

Those in attending were: Board members: Deborah Jones, Stephen Fobert, Rick Rivera, Nathaniel Gold, Gail Sheehan, Margaret Robinson, Krissie Fountain. Council Member Cheryl Lee and Staff included Director Terry Moore and City Manager Sylvia Carrillo.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Deborah Jones at 5:31pm.

The introduction of new board member Krissie Fountain and new council liaison Cheryl Lee was made by the chair.

The Parks & Recreation Operation Report was shared by Terry Moore and discussed. As part of that discussion, Deborah Jones volunteered to get the park history graphics redone for signs at Ferry Park and Fireman's Park. Skyhawk is a partner that presents sports camps. This option is offered when partnerships with the school coaches is not feasible because of UIL regulations and guidelines.

Nathaniel Gold presented the Bastrop State Park Report.

There was not Bird City Report due to the past representative being elected to council. It was decided that Margaret Robinson would reach out to Bird City to get a report for the next meeting.

Margaret gave a report about the progress of the Bird Junction Project. The committee has met and discussed possibilities that could happen in Fisherman's Park. But no there were no decisions to share. It was reports that the first statue, a woodpecker on a tree, has gone up in front of the convention center.

The directors update was given by Terry Moore. Points of discussion included the basketball court resurfacing. Bids came back at approximately \$40,000. The opportunity to apply for grants to get it done through Spurs Give program. Staff is still working towards coming into compliance with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grant program. Questions have been sent to legal.

Minutes from the June 6, 2024 board meeting were approved unanimously by a motion from Gail Sheehan and seconded by Rick Rivera.

Park Rental Ordinance updates – board members discussed the fee changes and recommendations presented by staff. All the changes were approved with the addition of changing the Disc Golf rental from \$250 to \$125. Motion was made by Deborah Jones and seconded by Gail Sheehan. Passed unanimously.

Recommendations of improvements to the current tree requirements and guidelines in the code. Conversation was around the requirements of saving trees based on size and species. Sylvia recommended that the board support the possible forming of a Community enrichment fund. This is where the tree mitigation money would be placed. This fund could be possibly used for park maintenance. Sylvia will forward an ordinance to the board for consideration. Discussion also included the current requirements for parkland dedication. After the discussion, a motion was made by Margaret Robinson and seconded by Gail Sheehan to recommend to the P&Z Commission

that 10% parkland dedicated by the developers should not be in the floodway and no more than 20% be in the flood plain.

The board made a recommendation that the old bridge, commonly referred to as the old iron bridge, be given an official name. Margaret Robinson made the motion and Gail Sheehan seconded, to officially call the bridge the "Old Bastrop Bridge". Motion passed unanimously.

Volunteer clean up program was discussed. Gail Sheehan, Margaret Robinson and Krissie Fountain expressed interest in participating and possibly leading this effort.

The update of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan discussion included an update on the improvements done at Mayfest Park. Work still planned include replacing fixtures in the restrooms and adding additional RV sites at the park. Maintenance plans and budget for FY25 was discussed. Margaret Robinson moved and Gail Sheehan seconded a motion for Council member Lee to recommend to council at the budget workshop additional one time funding for park maintenance. \$100,000 for erosion control, \$100,000 for Bob Bryant Park, \$100,000 FP Splash Pad recirculation project. Motion passed unanimously.

Rick Rivera presented an idea for the Par 3 Golf Course. The discussion was to recommend Rick to approach the BEDC and see where the sports complex project is and how it can fit into that project.

Gail Sheehan moved/ Margaret Robinson seconded to table the The Vision for Fireman's Park item. Motion was approved.

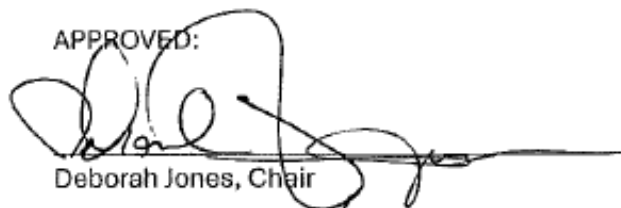
Items for next months agenda:

Discussion of Task Forces
Election of Secretary
Selection of the P&Z representative

Discussion of Tree Requirements

Meeting was adjourned 8:17pm by motion by Gail Sheehan and seconded by Rick Rivera.

APPROVED:



Deborah Jones, Chair

ATTESTED:



Terry Moore, Director

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